

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services
 March 2023 Monthly Report
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Service Statistics	New library cards: TOTAL 89 (81 A, 1 YA, 7 J) Questions answered: 2,467 (905 Ref, 1,330 Other, 232 Technical Assistance) Number of visitors: 5953 Number of online database sessions: n/a Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 180/673
Collection Statistics	Adult: 227,316 A&V materials: 25,266 Teen:# 6,260 Magazines & Newspapers: 3948 Children: 61,860 TOTAL: 324,780 (98 added and 57 withdrawn in December) Hotspots: 47
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 914 A&V materials: 701 Teen: 126 Magazines & Newspapers: 16 Children: 1,456 Hot spots: 30 Cultural passes: 3 In-house: 483 Grand totals: 3,246
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1,422 WIFI use: 603
Staff Development	EVT involved on Spring Programming Committee (2023) EVT attended NEA Conference, including a variety of useful workshops All reference staff completed Evergreen updates training Margaret is involved with Nutmeg 2025 (High School Committee).

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Highlights

RandR:

- Staff spent considerable time training new hires this month The extra hands were very helpful!
- AC/ MWG completed spring programming and plans for adult SRP layout (bingo cards) entirely. A Ref/ Children's collab is on the horizon for summer!
- New titles selection has restarted for the general nonfiction collection
- Miladys continues to train and expand her role in data collection and compilation for reference
- Concern: current staffing levels make it difficult to pull needed items from back stacks for patron requests

BHC:

- Jamie Pettit started working this month. Training is going well.
- Reference requests have increased significantly for HC.
- HC staff continue to provide much needed support to Reference, primarily at the main reference desk
- Deaccessions/digitization projects continue. EVT working w/Synergy of Westport on labor history website.

Youth Services:

- Programs continue to be well attended and number continue to go up. Increased attendance seems to come from word of mouth as well as the Greater Bridgeport Home Visiting Partnership.
- Review of Summer materials is underway. Checking the collection for Nutmeg 2024 titles to order if needed. Researching easy chapter book bios for 3rd/4th grade readers to meet school report guidelines.

Concerns: Adults staying in children's room. Better lobby signage might help with the issue. 3 computers out of order in teen room. Staffing is affecting the number and level of programming we can offer.

Note: The Women's History Month bulletin board received compliments from patrons and staff alike.

Programing Milestones

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ESL attendance: 1

Adult Game Club: 0

Ainissa Ramirez: 5

Adult Book Club: 1

BHC

Memoir writing : 6 live, 4 via Zoom

Little Liberia/Freeman Center: 33 attendees

Youth Services

Programs hosted include:

- Children's: Women's History story time, Bingo, and Movie night; St. Patrick's Day story time and cookie decorating, Little Learners story times, Lego club
- Teens: tutoring twice weekly
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Outreach:

- Class visits: St. Raphael's- 3 class visits (Kindergarten) to Burroughs; Bassick HS-4 class visits to Bassick.
- Literacy Programs: outreach visit incl. class visit at New Beginnings Family Academy; Lit. Night at Read School (w/ Adam from Reference)
- SCSU Internship: Erin (intern) is working on a survey/interview for Bridgeport Public School LMS's to assess how to form a better partnership.